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(*b*) whether Government propose to detail for duty under the expert on venereal diseases two or three lady medical graduates for examining women out-patients or in-patients in the General Hospital?

A.—(*a*) The re-modelling scheme of the General Hospital now in progress includes provision for a new venereal deceases block with 20 beds in the female wards.

(*b*) No such proposal is under consideration.

Mr. C. S. GOVINDARAJA MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask whether the hon. Minister will take steps to give effect to the suggestion implied in my question?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask which suggestion the hon. Member is referring to?"

Mr. C. S. GOVINDARAJA MUDALIYAR:—"The suggestion contained in clause (*b*) of my question, Sir."

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"Yes; I will consider it."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA:—"May I know whether there is any provision at present for treating venereal cases in the General Hospital now?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"In every hospital where venereal patients go, they are treated."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA:—"May I know whether, after the closure of the Locke Hospital in Broadway, a certain section was set apart in the General Hospital for the treatment of venereal cases, whether those beds still remain there, or whether they have been closed down? Who is in charge of those beds now? I should like also . . ."

(The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar rose to reply.)

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The hon. Member has not finished putting his questions."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA:—"I should like to ask the hon. Minister whether there is a general complaint that women patients who come for treatment there are ill-treated and whether there is indecent exposure in the presence of students, etc. I should like to know what steps the hon. Minister proposes to take to put down this habit, to see that the treatment of patients is decent and to make the institution more popular."

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"If all the information which the hon. Member has conveyed is correct, the matter requires to be looked into and I shall do so."

Education

Opening of a separate Middle School for Muhammadan boys at Bezwada.

* 1648 *Q.*—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Bezwada Municipal Council has been urging on the Government to establish a separate middle school for Muhammadan boys at Bezwada and

(*b*) whether the Government intend to establish such a school in the next school year?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The matter is under correspondence with the Director of Public Instruction.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether the Director of Public Instruction has recommended the proposal ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The matter is being considered by the Director of Public Instruction."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I ask when his report is expected ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I cannot say, Sir."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know when the application was made ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Notice, Sir."

Local Boards

Communal representation in the Trichinopoly District Board.

* 1649 Q.—Mr. S. ARPUDASWAMI UDAYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) what is the relative nominated strength of Muhammadans, Indian Christians and depressed classes in the District Board of Trichinopoly ;

(b) how many Indian Christians have been nominated to the District Board, Trichinopoly, since 1924 ; and

(c) how many Muhammadans, Indian Christians and depressed classes have been elected to the District Board, Trichinopoly, during the period 1921—1928 ?

A.—(a) One in each of the communities of Muhammadans, Indian Christians and depressed classes out of the sanctioned strength of 52 (10 nominated and 42 elected).

(b) Two.

(c) Muhammadans ... 7
Indian Christians ... 3
Depressed classes ... Nil.

Mr. S. ARPUDASWAMI UDAYAR :—" May I ask whether the one Indian Christian lady, who was nominated, was nominated to represent ladies or Indian Christians ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I cannot distinguish an Indian Christian as a lady or as a gentleman. "

Mr. S. ARPUDASWAMI UDAYAR :—" No, Sir. The practice is for one lady to be nominated for each local body, especially the District Board. Therefore I wish to know whether she was nominated to represent ladies or Indian Christians as a community."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" To take care of the interests of both."

Mr. S. ARPUDASWAMI UDAYAR :—" May I know whether the hon. Minister thinks that appointing one Indian Christian to represent both these classes of people is satisfactory, considering the fact that there are 10 nominated and 42 elected members on the Board ? "